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Report of: SA WILLARD D. WHARTON
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Title: ZWY HERBERT ALDOUBY

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - ISRAEL

Synopsis: Mrs. CECILIA ROISOVSKY DAVIDSON, age 75 years, El Paso, Texas, states that since 1920 she has been engaged in social welfare work and concerned with displaced persons, refugees, and immigrants. She states she talked with an individual for about fifteen minutes in New York City in the fall of 1960, while she was attending a meeting in a New York City hotel. She believes this individual was named ALDOUBY. She has not seen nor heard from this individual since and has no information concerning his associates, personal history, background, or activities. She states ALDOUBY represented himself as a newspaperman and wanted information concerning the "St. Louis" incident, which incident concerned 900 Jewish refugees who fled from Nazi persecution in Germany in 1939, on a vessel named "St. Louis." Mrs. DAVIDSON referred him to another source. Mrs. DAVIDSON states she does not know individuals by names of MOSHE PEARLMANN or LEON DEGRELLE.

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On October 31, 1961, BERTHA ROSENCRANS, clerk, Credit Bureau of El Paso, 908 Mills Building, made available a credit file which contains the following pertinent information:

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Dr. MORRIS DAVIDSON and his wife, CECILIA DAVIDSON, residing at Apartment 4, 405 Prospect Street, El Paso, came to El Paso, from Austin, Texas. The credit file was opened on October 5, 1961. Dr. DAVIDSON is a retired eye specialist. Mrs. DAVIDSON has a brother, LEE ROSS, Merchandise Mart, Dallas, Texas. Credit record is satisfactory.

On October 31, 1961, Deputy Sheriff ROY WILLIM, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and Miss DELIA SIERRA, Identification Bureau, El Paso Police Department, were unable to locate any arrest record for Dr. MORRIS DAVIDSON or CECILIA ROZOVSKY DAVIDSON.

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Date November 3, 1961

Mrs. CECILIA ROSEVSKY DAVIDSON, residing in Apartment Number 4, 405 Prospect Street, El Paso, Texas, with her husband, Dr. MORRIS DAVIDSON, voluntarily furnished the following information:

Mrs. DAVIDSON is 75 years of age. She was born at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 8, 1886. Her husband, Dr. MORRIS DAVIDSON, and she were married in 1927. Dr. DAVIDSON is a retired eye specialist. He was employed by the Veterans Administration, Jackson, Mississippi, as a doctor from 1947, until his retirement from the Government service at Jackson in 1955. Dr. DAVIDSON is 79 years of age. Dr. and Mrs. DAVIDSON came to El Paso, Texas, from Austin, Texas, to live in August, 1961, for climate and health reasons.

Mrs. DAVIDSON, during all of her adult lifetime, has been engaged in social welfare work and especially concerned with displaced persons, refugees, and immigrants. In 1920, she obtained a position with the National Council of Jewish Women performing immigration work at Ellis Island, New York. She remained at this job until 1934, and during this time she taught classes of immigrants to the United States English and citizenship. From 1934 until 1944, she was associated with the National Jewish Coordinating Committee for Refugees in New York City. In 1944, Mrs. DAVIDSON became employed by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) in New York, New York. She held this job until 1946. During this time she traveled abroad to London, Paris and Germany, to assist displaced persons. From 1946 until 1947, she worked with displaced persons in New York City under EARL HARRISON of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. From 1947 to 1955, she resided with her husband at Jackson, Mississippi. Following her husband's retirement, they went to Austin, Texas, where they lived until their move to El Paso.

On 11/1/61 at El Paso, Texas File # EP 105-906
by SA WILLARD D. WHARTON and
SA DAVID J. REID/bg Date dictated 11/2/61

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Mrs. DAVIDSON also worked from 1920 to 1921, for the Children's Bureau, United States Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. DAVIDSON advised that she and her husband lived in New York City from about the middle of November, 1960, until about the middle of January, 1961.

Mrs. DAVIDSON remembered that sometime in the fall of 1960, she attended a meeting of the Committee on Integration, American Immigration and Citizenship Conference, 509 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. This all-day meeting was held in a hotel in New York City.

With reference to ZWY HERBERT ALDOUBY, Mrs. DAVIDSON advised that this name sounded familiar to her. She stated that she believes that ALDOUBY is identical with a man who introduced himself to her at the hotel prior to the mentioned meeting. He exhibited a business card and said that he was a newspaperman. He wanted to obtain from Mrs. DAVIDSON information concerning the story of the ship "St. Louis." Mrs. DAVIDSON explained that in about 1939, 900 Jewish refugees fled from Nazi persecution in Germany aboard this vessel. The ship attempted to land at Cuba and elsewhere without success and finally returned to Europe where many of the refugees were killed by the Nazis. ALDOUBY was interested in this incident and told Mrs. DAVIDSON that he intended to write the scenario for a movie concerning the "St. Louis" story.

Mrs. DAVIDSON, on the occasion of her meeting with ALDOUBY, talked with him about fifteen minutes. She has not seen nor heard from him since and does not know his whereabouts. She gained the impression that ALDOUBY was from Israel, but does not remember any basis for this impression.

Mrs. DAVIDSON, inasmuch as she did not know ALDOUBY and had no previous contacts with him, was reluctant

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to talk with him. She had no interest in what he was talking about and broke off her conversation with him by referring him to another source - namely, the American Jewish Joint Distributors Committee, a Jewish International Relief Organization in New York City. She does not know whether or not ALDOUBY subsequently contacted this organization. During her conversation with ALDOUBY, he took Mrs. DAVIDSON's name and telephone number, but has not since contacted her.

Mrs. DAVIDSON has no information concerning the associates, personal history, background, or activities of ALDOUBY.

Mrs. DAVIDSON advised that she does not know any individuals by the names of MOSHE PEARLMANN or LEON DEGRELLE.

Mrs. DAVIDSON was unable to furnish any further information concerning ALDOUBY.

Mrs. DAVIDSON furnished the following description of ALDOUBY:

Name	ZWY HERBERT ALDOUBY
Race	White
Nationality	Jewish
Height	Short, 5'6" to 5'7"
Build	Heavy set
Complexion	Dark
Age	About 30 years
Characteristics	Speaks fluent English

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